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In Re the Application of:

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For: "CANINE AND FELINE

IMMUNOREGULATORY PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES AND,

AND USES THEREOF"

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed on July 6, 2001, Applicants request reconsideration based on the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit herewith a Request for Extension of Time of two months to extend the period for response from October 6, 2001 to December 6, 2001.

## **AMENDMENTS**

## In the claims:

Please cancel claims 18-19, 21, 23-24 and 26-28 without prejudice and enter the following new claims 33-44:

33. (New) An isolated protein selected from the group consisting of:

(a) an isolated protein of at least about 20 amino acids in length, wherein said protein is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule, wherein said nucleic acid molecule has an at least 60 contiguous nucleotide region identical in sequence to a 60 contiguous nucleotide region of a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89,

Group Art Unit: 1633

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Examiner: Kaushal, S

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Under (37 CFR§1.111)

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